

# Prayer for the Church

**Eph. 1:15-23**

**Intro:** The greatness of a man's ministry can be contributed in part to his prayer life. There are two prayers recorded in Ephesians.

The prayer was prompted by the past experiences of these believers. His prayer was also prompted by the Present experiences of these believers.

In this prayer we see both the expression of their faith and their love

**The scripture speaks of “the spirit of wisdom and revelation.”**

**The indwelling Spirit is to function as their teacher and revealer.**

## **I. WOULD KNOW GOD'S PERSON TO ENLARGE THEM (Eph. 1:17, Eph. 3:17)**

A) The present relationship with the Lord

They already know Christ but it was for a deeper growing knowledge of Him that Paul prayed

B) Their progressive resemblance to Christ

## **II. THE EMPTY TOMB**

He is no longer in the Grave

He is no longer in the slumbers of Death

## **III. THE EMPTY HILL**

He is no longer on the Hill of Assencion

He is no longer waiting to be Glorified

He is no longer waiting to sit at the Father's right hand

## **IV. THE EMPTY WORLD**

We will no longer be here

We will be in His presence forever

We will worship him face to face